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1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL AGATT CONTACTED MINAG SECRETARY GENERAL PAULO ROMANO AND DR. LUCIO TAVARES DE MACEDO, DIRECTOR, ANIMAL PRODUCTS INSPECTION DIVISION REGARDING INSPECTOR STAFFING OF MEAT PLANTS THAT EXPORT TO THE U.S. AGATT URGED THESE OFFICIALS TO PROVIDE THE EMBASSY WITH ANOTHER LETTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SETTING FORTH SPECIFIC ACTIONS THE GOB HAS TAKEN TO RESOLVE THE EXISTING PROBLEM. THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSLATION OF THE LETTER ADDRESSED TO DR. C. BELFIELD DELIVERED TO THE EMBASSY APRIL 19.

2. BEGIN TEXT. IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION I SENT YOU IN MY LETTER OF APRIL 6, I AM INFORMING YOU THAT THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE HAS AUTHORIZED THE EMPLOYMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THOSE INSPECTORS CURRENTLY PAID BY THE PLANTS. THESE INSPECTORS ARE NOW AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE FEDERAL INSPECTION SERVICE IN THE PLANTS WHICH ARE CURRENTLY PROCESSING MEAT FOR EXPORTS OF CORNED BEEF AND COOKED FROZEN BEEF TO THE UNITED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATES OF AMERICA. AS A SECOND STEP THOSE PLANTS WHICH CURRENTLY ARE NOT EXPORTING TO THE USA WILL ALSO HAVE THEIR INSPECTORS HIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT. IN REGARD TO THIS ACTION WE ASSURE YOU THAT THE PLANTS WHICH ARE NOT EXPORTING TO THE USA WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SELL MEAT TO THOSE PLANTS WHICH ARE EXPORTING TO YOUR COUNTRY UNTIL WE REACH A DEFINITE SOLUTION FOR THE PROBLEM CONCERNING THE NON-GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR STAFF. OUR VETERINARIANS

IN CHARGE OF INSPECTION IN THESE NON-EXPORTING PLANTS ARE RECEIVING SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER. IN FACE OF THE ACTION WE HAVE TAKEN WE DEEM IT UNNECESSARY TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION OFFICIALLY TO EXCLUDE THE PLANTS WHICH ARE NOT EXPORTING TO THE USA FROM THE LIST OF PLANTS AUTHORIZED TO EXPORT TO THE US SINCE WE CAN GUARANTEE THAT THEY WILL NOT EXPORT MEAT AND PRODUCTS TO THE USA UNTIL A DEFINITE SOLUTION IS FOUND TO THE PROBLEM IN QUESTION. HOPING TO HAVE FULLY EXPLAINED THE MATTER I REMAIN YOURS CORDIALLY SIGNED LUCIO TAVARES DE MACEDO, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL PRODUCTS INSPECTION (DIPOA). END TEXT.

3. ORIGINAL PORTUGUESE TEXT BEING AIR POUCHED TO DR. BELFIELD. CRIMMINS

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